¶ By the King.

A Proclamation that all woollen Clothes and Stuffes made or mixed with VVooll, and brought to *London* to be ſold or tranſported, be firſt brought to *Blackwell Hall*, there to be ſearched.

WHereas by ſeverall Acts of Parliament, made in the nine and thirtieth, and three and fourtieth yeers of the late Queen Elizabeth, for the true making of Cloth, and for the diſcovery and reformation of ſundry deceits and abuſes practiſed therein, proviſion is made that all kinde of Clothes which ſhall be brought to the City of London to be ſold there, ſhall be brought into the common Cloth-Market within the ſaid City, commonly called Blackwell Hall, to be there ſearched by the Searchers or Officers thereunto appointed, upon ſuch penalties and forfeitures to be inflicted upon the owner or owners thereof for every Cloth that ſhall not be ſo brought, as by the ſaid Statutes is limited.

And whereas Our late Royall Father by his Proclamation bearing date the ſeventh day of December, in the eleventh yeer of his Reign, for the better ſuppreſſing the falſe making of Clothes and Stuffes, did command, that all ſorts of vendible Clothes, Bayes, Sayes, Felts, Stuffes, Draperies and commodities alwell of the old as of the new Draperies made within the Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Iſle of Wight, to be offered and put to ſale within the Citie of London or the liberties thereof, ſhould be brought into Blackwell Hall in London, being the uſuall Market-place for ſuch Clothes, there to be viewed and ſearched according to the Statutes in that caſe provided; and thereby alſo expreſly charged all perſon and perſons whatſoever, alwell his naturall born Subjects as Denizens and Strangers whom it might concern, not to buy, or ſell, pack, ſhip, or tranſport out of this Realm, any of the ſaid Clothes, Stuffes, Draperies or commodities whatſoever before the ſame were ſearched and ſealed, as the Lawes and Statutes of the Realm then and now in force did require.

Wee now finding that notwithſtanding thoſe good proviſions, divers perſons to elude and fruſtrate the ſaid Acts of Parliament, and the intentions thereof, do make contracts for the

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said Woollen Clothes and Stuffes in the countrey, and bring them afterwards to London into Innes, Ware-houses, and other places to be there sold or to be transported into forrain parts, or retailed in the said Citie without bringing the same to the said publique Market-place to be searched and viewed, upon pretences that the said Clothes and Stuffes were not brought to London to be sold.

By means whereof much deceit and damage redoundeth to Our Subjects, and discredite to Our Clothes in Forrain parts; And also the poor children of Christs Hospitall in London are defranded of the duties of Hallage which is appointed for their Relief.

For reformation whereof, & in pursuance of the said Statutes, Wee do therefore hereby straitly charge and command all person and persons whatsoever, owner and owners of any Woollen Broad-clothes, Half-clothes, Kerseys, Cottons, Dozens, Pensions, Frizes, Ruggs, and all other Woollen cloth, of what nature, kinde or name soever they be or shall be, made or to be made within Our Realm of England, or Dominion of Wales, which shall be brought to Our Citie of London, or the liberties thereof, there to be sold, retailed, or transported to Forrain parts, that the same Clothes be from time to time hereafter first brought to the common Market-place within Our Citie of London, called Blackwell Hall, to be there viewed and searched, before the same shall be sold, retailed, or transported, notwithstanding any pretences of former Bargains, or Percontracts for the same in the countrey, or any other place whatsoever, under the penalties and forfeitures provided by the said Statutes, and to bee further proceeded against according to their offences.

And Wee do likewise straitly require and command, That all Stuffes and other commodities made of Wooll, or mixed with Wooll, and brought to London or the liberties thereof to be sold, retailed, or transported, shall be also first brought to Blackwell Hall, to be there viewed and searched, before the same shall be sold, retailed, or transported; Upon pain of Our high displeasure, and such further punishments as shall bee meet to be inflicted upon the offenders, for their contempt of Our Royall pleasure herein declared.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the sixteenth day of April, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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